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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 26, 2007, the Examiner returned a copy of the PTO-1449 in which all references except the JP '422 document were initialed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the previously supplied Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the JP '422 reference; for the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that Form PTO-1449 is attached, as well as a copy of the IDS, the JP '422 reference and PTO date-stamped filing receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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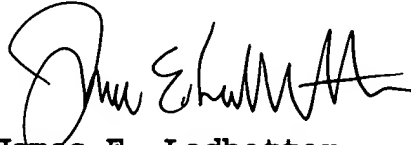
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Attached is a Japanese Office Action dated December 26, 2006 with an English translation thereof.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and

appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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